Popular Search Engines

**Google** [**http://www.google.com**](http://www.google.com)

In addition to providing easy access to billions of web pages, Google has many special features, including:

### Everyday Essentials

### Weather

### To see the weather for many U.S. and worldwide cities, type "weather" followed by the city and state, U.S. zip code, or city and country.

### Stock Quotes

### To see current market data for a given company or fund, type the ticker symbol into the search box. On the results page, you can click the link to see more data from Google Finance.

### Time

### To see the time in many cities around the world, type in "time" and the name of the city.

### Sports Scores

### To see scores and schedules for sports teams type the team name or league name into the search box. This is enabled for many leagues including the National Basketball Association, National Football League, National Hockey League, and Major League Baseball.

### Reference Tools

### Calculator

### To use Google's built-in calculator function, simply enter the calculation you'd like done into the search box.

### Book Search

### If you’re looking for results from Google Book Search, you can enter the name of the author or book title into the search box and we’ll return any book content we have as part of your normal web results. You can click through on the record to view more detailed info about that author or title.

### Earthquakes

### To see information about recent earthquakes in a specific area type "earthquake" followed by the city and state or U.S. zip code. For recent earthquake activity around the world simply type "earthquake" in the search box.

### Unit Conversion

### You can use Google to convert between many different units of measurement of height, weight, and volume among many others. Just enter your desired conversion into the search box and we’ll do the rest.

### Public Data

### To see trends for population and unemployment rates of U.S. states and counties, type "population" or "unemployment rate" followed by a state or county. You can click through to a page that lets you compare different locations.

### People Profiles

### If you're looking for someone you just met or a long-lost friend, enter the name of that person plus some identifying words about him or her to see a list of people with that name.

### Choosing Keywords

### Synonym Search

### If you want to search not only for your search term but also for its synonyms, place the tilde sign (~) immediately in front of your search term.

**Dictionary Definitions**

To see a definition for a word or phrase, simply type the word "define" then a space, then the word(s) you want defined. To see a list of different definitions from various online sources, you can type "define:" followed by a word or phrase. Note that the results will define the entire phrase.

**Spell Checker**

Google’s spell checking software automatically checks whether your query uses the most common spelling of a given word. If it thinks you’re likely to generate better results with an alternative spelling, it will ask “Did you mean: (more common spelling)?”. Click the suggested spelling to launch a Google search for that term.

**Local Search**

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If you’re looking for a store, restaurant, or other local business you can search for the category of business and the location and we’ll return results right on the page, along with a map, reviews, and contact information.

**Movie Showtimes**

To find reviews and showtimes for movies playing near you, type "movies" or the name of a current film into the Google search box. If you've already saved your location on a previous search, the top search result will display showtimes for nearby theaters for the movie you've chosen.

**Trip Planning**

**Airline Travel Info**

To see flight status for arriving and departing U.S. flights, type in the name of the airline and the flight number into the search box. You can also see delays at a specific airport by typing in the name of the city or three-letter airport code followed by the word "airport".

**Currency Conversion**

To use our built-in currency converter, simply enter the conversion you’d like done into the Google search box and we’ll provide your answer directly on the results page.

**Maps**

Looking for a map? Type in the name or U.S. zip code of a location and the word "map" and we’ll return a map of that location. Clicking on the map will take you to a larger version on Google Maps.

**Query Refinements**

**Plus (+) Operator**

Google ignores common words and characters such as where, the, how, and other digits and letters that slow down your search without improving the results. If a common word is essential to getting the results you want, you can make sure we pay attention to it by putting a "+" sign in front of it

**Related Search**

To search for web pages that have similar content to a given site, type "related:" followed by the website address into the Google search box.

**Fill in the Blank**

Sometimes the best way to ask a question is to get Google to ‘fill in the blank’ by adding an asterisk (\*) at the part of the sentence or question that you want finished into the Google search box.

**Search by Number**

**Package Tracking**

You can track packages by typing the tracking number for your UPS, Fedex or USPS package directly into the search box. We’ll return results that include quick links to easily track the status of your shipment.

**Patent Numbers**

To search for U.S. patents, enter the word "patent" followed by the patent number into the Google search box and hit the Enter key or click the Google Search button.

**Area Code**

To see the geographical location for any U.S. telephone area code, just type the three-digit area code

From: <http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/features.html>

**Yahoo!** [**http://www.yahoo.com**](http://www.yahoo.com)

[Web Search](http://search.yahoo.com)

Find anything from across the Web

[Answers](http://answers.yahoo.com)

Ask questions and get answers from real people

[Creative Commons Search](http://search.yahoo.com/cc)

Find Creative Commons content that you can share or re-use in your own works

[Delicious](http://delicious.com/)

Social bookmarking to help you save, share and discover your favorite sites across the web

[Directory Search](http://search.yahoo.com/dir)

Search or browse Yahoo!'s categorized guide to the Web

[Image Search](http://images.search.yahoo.com/)

Find photos and illustrations from all over the Web

[Job Search](http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/jobs/)

Search for jobs, post your resume and more on Yahoo! HotJobs

[Local](http://local.yahoo.com/)

Find everything in your area from dry cleaners to day spas

[Maps](http://maps.yahoo.com/)

Find maps and driving directions for anywhere you want to go

[Mobile Search](http://mobile.yahoo.com/onesearch)

Find whatever, wherever you are

[News Search](http://news.search.yahoo.com/news)

Search for news stories and related photos, videos and audio clips

[People Search](http://search.yahoo.com/people)

Search for people using Yahoo!'s telephone and email directories

[Product Search](http://search.yahoo.com/products)

Find millions of product reviews and prices on the web

[Site Explorer](https://siteexplorer.search.yahoo.com/new/mysites)

Explore the web pages indexed by Yahoo! Search

[Travel Search (Farechase)](http://farechase.yahoo.com/)

Find dozens of online travel web sites

[Video Search](http://video.search.yahoo.com/)

Search the web for video content and then view with just a couple clicks

[Yahoo! Search Blog](http://www.ysearchblog.com/)

Find out about the latest developments on Yahoo! Search

From: <http://tools.search.yahoo.com/about/forsearchers.html>

**YahooKids** [**http://www.kids.yahoo.com**](http://www.kids.yahoo.com)

An entertainment and education site for children aged 6 through 12. It combines the power of the Yahoo! Network and with a kid-safe search built on more than 10,000 Web sites vetted by their editors.

**WebCrawler** [**http://www.webcrawler.com**](http://www.webcrawler.com)

Brings the top search results from Google, Yahoo!, Windows Live, Ask and other popular search engines. It also provides multimedia results, including images, video, news, and local information.

**AltaVista** [**http://www.altavista.com**](http://www.altavista.com)

topical searches aggregate information into highly segmented indexes, helping users refine their searches and quickly access the most pertinent and useful information.

**Clusty** [**http://clusty.com**](http://clusty.com/)

Clusty queries several top search engines, combines the results, and generates an ordered list based on comparative ranking. This "metasearch" approach helps raise the best results to the top and push search engine spam to the bottom. Clusters help you see your search results by topic so you can zero in on exactly what you’re looking for or discover unexpected relationships between items

**Dogpile** [**http://www.dogpile.com**](http://www.dogpile.com)Dogpile is a "meta search engine." It sends your query to many search engines and can be useful if you are not finding the information you need.

[**AllTheWeb**](http://www.alltheweb.com/) **http://**[**www.alltheweb.com**](http://www.alltheweb.com)

Search engine which indexes web pages, as well as multimedia, audio, FTP, PDF, and MS Word files from around the world.

[**MetaCrawler**](http://www.metacrawler.com/) **http://**[**www.metacrawler.com**](http://www.metacrawler.com)

Searches the combined results of leading search engines.

[**Refdesk.com**](http://www.refdesk.com/) **http://**[**www.refdesk.com**](http://www.refdesk.com)

Comprehensive index of Internet sites.

[**About.com**](http://www.about.com/)[**www.about.com**](http://www.about.com)

Extensive network of sites by subject specialists who write articles, host discussions, publish free email newsletters and provide personally-reviewed links for each topic.